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SUBJECT: ISRAELI-SOVIET RELATIONS

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1. FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, POLITICAL COUNSELOR DUTCH EMBASSY
HERE DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET REQUEST TO ISRAELIS TO ASSIGN
SOVIET OFFICERS TO FINNISH EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV.

2. SOVIET-ISRAELI RELATIONS ALSO CAME UP NOVEMBER 26 IN
CONVERSATION BETWEEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR GARVEY AND M.B. SYTENKO
WHO HEADS MIDDLE EAST DIVISION IN SOVIET MFA. WHEN ASKED BY
GARVEY WHETHER THERE WERE ANY PROSPECTS FOR SOVIET-ISRAELI
OFFICIAL CONTACTS. SYTENKO REPLIED NEGATIVELY
STATING, "IT'S NOT FOR LACK OF TRYING ON OUR PART, THEY SIMPLY
WON'T HAVE IT." STOESSEL UNQUOTE
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